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Upon instructions from my Government, and in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to bring the following to your attention.

At 6.30 a.m., local time, the Taliban militia launched an attack, using mortar and Dush-K, against the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran between the Ibrahim Khani and Kondeh Souz border posts in Khorassan Province. The Iranian armed forces took some limited and proportionate measures, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter, to repel the Taliban attack. At 9.30 a.m., the cross-border attack by the Taliban militia, constituting a flagrant aggression and provocation, was repelled and military operation was halted.

The armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran used maximum self-restraint in response to the Taliban cross-border mortar attack, in deference to the diplomatic efforts of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi, who was to arrive in Islamabad from Tehran today, in order to engage the Taliban in implementation of Security Council resolution 1193 (1998) without further delay.

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hadi NEJAD-HOSSEINIAN
Ambassador
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